

Virginia Clean Marina Program Success Story **Deltaville Yachting Center**



Deltaville Yachting Center is located in Deltaville, VA on Broad Creek, between the Rappahannock and Piankatank Rivers on the Chesapeake Bay. They offer 76 boat slips and 150 boatel spaces, as well as a full service repair and maintenance yard. The marina also runs a yacht brokerage service, *Chesapeake Yacht Sales*, which sells both new and used boats.

Deltaville Yachting Center was certified as a Virginia Clean Marina in March 2003. Since pledging to become a Virginia Clean Marina, Deltaville Yachting Center has worked to promote boater education. They have incorporated best management practices (BMPs) into lease contracts and have hosted workshops with the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Power Squadron to demonstrate BMPs. They post signs detailing these BMPs in several locations throughout the marina. Deltaville Yachting Center encourages patrons to prevent pollution by posting pictures of boaters who use environmentally friendly techniques. They have also publicized their environmentally responsible actions in the marina newsletter and press releases.



In an effort to preserve and protect the surrounding habitat, Deltaville Yachting Center has maintained and enhanced the quality of the natural wildlife. They have undertaken a grass planting project along the shoreline and constructed bird feeders and duck boxes. The marina works to plant native grasses, bushes, and shrubs that need little watering and also work to filter runoff. They engage in daily trash pickup and keep the premises very clean and organized.

Deltaville Yachting Center also has a well-organized fish cleaning station. A covered area is provided for cleaning of fish and signs indicate the proper methods for waste disposal. They do not allow disposal of whole fish carcasses in the basin of the marina.

Other environmentally friendly techniques used by the Deltaville Yachting Center are the following:

- Using recycled plastic decking on floating docks
- Understanding and preparing for coastal hazards
- Conducting emergency training and drills with staff
- Having accessible, written emergency response plans
- Visually inspecting fuel transfer equipment daily
- Designating staff members to fuel vessels using BMPs
- Utilizing oil absorbent materials at the fuel dock
- Maintaining an accessible sewage pumpout system
- Providing clean showers and restrooms 24 hours a day
- Using fluorescent lights in offices and covered docks
- Using solar powered lighting on walkways
- Conducting painting and maintenance in a work shed
- Using a vacuum sander to minimize debris
- Containing debris from blasting by covering boats
- Posting environmental information on bulletin board and in the store
- Posting no-wake signs in areas where shoreline may be sensitive to erosion





Deltaville Yachting Center has made considerable strides in implementing these pollution-prevention techniques and BMP's in order to minimize its environmental impacts. Through agreement with the Virginia Environmental Excellence Program (VEEP), Deltaville Yachting Center has also been recognized as an "Environmental Enterprise" or E2 facility. VEEP is the Virginia DEQ's program to encourage the development of Environmental Management Systems and pollution prevention as tools for achieving long-term improvements in environmental performance. As such, it is hoped that Deltaville Yachting Center will not only maintain its status as a Clean Marina, but will continuously improve upon its current activities. For more information on VEEP, see <http://www.deq.state.va.us/veep>.



For more information on Deltaville Yachting Center, contact Lew and Onna Grimm at (804) 776-9898, email info@dycboat.com, or check out their website at www.dycboat.com/.



The Virginia Clean Marina Program is a voluntary partnership to reduce nonpoint source pollution to Virginia's Coastal waters by helping marinas and boaters become more environmentally responsible. <http://www.deq.state.va.us/vacleanmarina>. For more information, please contact Harrison Bresee by email at hpbihi@vims.edu or by phone (804) 684-7768.

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